

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the
California-American Water Company (U210W) for
an Order Authorizing it to Increase its Rates for
Water Service in its Sacramento District to
Increase Revenues by \$8,198,700 in the Year 2003;
and \$1,955,000 in the Year 2004.

Application 02-09-030
(Filed September 19, 2002)

Application 02-09-031
(Filed September 19, 2002)

And Related Matters.

Application 02-09-032
(Filed September 19, 2002)

Application 02-09-033
(Filed September 19, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING FINAL ORAL ARGUMENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

On April 29, 2003, County of Santa Cruz and Montara Sanitary District filed a timely request for Final Oral Argument before the Commission in this proceeding. This ruling grants that request as required by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.3(d) and Rule 8(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Date and Location

Final Oral Argument before the Commission has been set for Wednesday, February 25, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Auditorium, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Time Allocation and Procedures

Opportunity to present oral argument is available to the parties listed below who actively participated in the proceeding. Parties who do not wish to do so need not participate. Applicant will open and close. Time and order of presentation are as follows:

Convening time (5 minutes)

California-American Water Company (opening, 20 minutes)

Office of Ratepayer Advocates (10 minutes)

County of Santa Cruz, Montara Sanitary District, and Jeff Almquist (20 minutes to be divided among them as they may agree)

California-American Water Company (closing, 10 minutes)

The parties' time allocations include any time that may be necessary for responding to commissioners' questions during their presentations. If they wish to do so, commissioners may also ask questions when all parties have concluded their presentations.

Parties desiring expedited transcripts should advise the Chief Hearing Reporter by telephone at (415) 703-2288 no later than three days prior to the scheduled argument.

Handouts and Briefing Boards

Parties may distribute handouts or use briefing boards¹ at the oral argument consistent with the following:

¹ The time limitations prevent the convenient use of overhead projectors by the parties.

- Parties must distribute copies of all handouts and reduced copies of any briefing boards they plan to use to the other parties and the assigned ALJ no later than 5:00 p.m., two business days before the oral argument (i.e., by 5:00 p.m. on February 23rd);
- Parties must provide copies of handouts and briefing boards sufficient for the Commission and others attending the oral argument;
- Handouts and reduced copies of briefing boards must include citations to record evidence clearly supporting any factual assertions, and all pages and points should be numbered for ease of reference; and
- Handouts and briefing boards will not be received as exhibits.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The Commission will hold Final Oral Argument on Wednesday, February 25, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission Auditorium, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.
2. Parties shall adhere to the time allocations, procedures and guidelines set forth above.

Dated January 27, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JAMES C. MCVICAR

James C. McVicar
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Final Oral Argument before the Commission on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated January 27, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET V. ALVIAR

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N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, those making the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.